

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/608,098

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application 10/608,098 filed June 30, 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) **AR**
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment **AR**
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance **AR**
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert H. Berdo, Jr. on Monday April 10, 2006 .The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 5 has been amended as shown in the attached sheet.

Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1-20 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

After a complete search of all the relevant prior art the examiner has determined the claims are in condition for allowance. The following limitations when viewed in combination with the remainder of the claim as a whole place this application in condition for allowance.

Regarding claim 1,

The examiner finds the novel and non-obvious feature of claim 1, when read as whole to be switching the second bridge into a debugging mode wherein the second bridge is

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disabled from responding to data requests on the peripheral bus, instead the debugging system responds to data requests with the second BIOS code to be loaded in the CPU.

Regarding claim 11,

The examiner finds the novel and non-obvious feature of claim 11, when read as whole to be switching the second bridge into a debugging mode wherein the second bridge is disabled from responding to data requests on the peripheral bus, instead the debugging system responds to data requests with the second BIOS code to be loaded in the CPU.

Regarding claim 20,

The examiner finds the novel and non-obvious feature of claim 20, when read as whole to be means for switching the peripheral/expansion bus bridge between a normal and debugging mode wherein, the debugging system instead responds to data requests with the second BIOS code to be loaded in the CPU when the peripheral/expansion bus bridge is switched to debugging mode.

Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amine Riad whose telephone number is 571-272-8185.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Beausoliel can be reached on 571-272-3645. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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